



# CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 20-158

## RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO INSTITUTE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS AT FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS.

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor David Y. Ige issued a Proclamation declaring the existence of a state of emergency in the State of Hawaii ("State") due to the COVID-19 outbreak and invoking his authority under the Hawaii Emergency Management Act, HRS Chapter 127A; and

WHEREAS, also on March 4, 2020, Mayor Kirk Caldwell issued a proclamation declaring the existence of a state of emergency in the City and County of Honolulu due to the COVID-19 outbreak and invoking his authority under the Hawaii Emergency Management Act; and

WHEREAS, on March 18 and 20, 2020, the Mayor issued, respectively, a Supplemental Proclamation and Emergency Order No. 2020-01, which included an order for all restaurants and cafes to close for 15 days except for drive-thru, pickup or delivery service, and this order was extended until June 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2020, the Mayor issued Emergency Order No. 2020-13, which, in part, allowed for the resumption of table service dining at Oahu restaurants under certain requirements and conditions, starting on June 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the order requires restaurants to comply with social distancing requirements and other protocols to protect the health and safety of employees and customers, such as requiring face coverings, limiting group dining, increasing spacing of tables, sanitizing high-touch surfaces, and training staff on new requirements; and

WHEREAS, many other food establishments have remained open as essential operations during the state of emergency, including grocery stores, drug stores, general retail stores, and healthcare facility cafeterias; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Department of Health's Food Safety Branch currently regulates the health and safety of food establishments and utilizes a color-coded placard system to indicate to consumers the status of compliance of each establishment; and

WHEREAS, the Food Safety Branch, in its role as the regulating agency of food establishments, is also responsible for ensuring compliance with State health and safety



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regulations to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and has developed detailed guidance on safe practices for operating; and

WHEREAS, incorporating social distancing requirements and other COVID-19-related health and safety regulations into the Food Safety Branch's evaluation of food establishments under the placard system will allow customers to be better informed of their level of risk when patronizing an establishment; and

WHEREAS, increasing the number of Food Safety Branch inspections at food establishments to ensure compliance with COVID-19 health and safety regulations will help mitigate any resurgence of the transmission of the disease as the local economy reopens and rebuilds; and

WHEREAS, the public would greatly benefit from increased action by the Department of Health to educate and inform potential food establishment customers of each establishment's compliance with its COVID-19 health and safety regulations; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Hawaii State Department of Health is urged to update its food establishment health inspection and color-coded placard program to incorporate its evaluation of the establishment's compliance with COVID-19 health and safety regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is urged to hire additional health inspectors for its Food Safety Branch in order to increase the frequency of inspections and to expedite the timeframe by which the State can inspect all establishments, including those restaurants reopening to table service dining; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawaii, the Director of the State Department of Health, and the Mayor.

INTRODUCED BY:

*John M. Han*

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

JUN 24 2020

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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CERTIFICATE

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Introduced: 06/24/20 By: RON MENOR

Committee: PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
WELFARE

Title: RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO INSTITUTE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS AT FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS.

Voting Legend: \* = Aye w/Reservations

07/16/20	PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE	CR-188 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION. 3 AYES: MENOR, TSUNEYOSHI, WATERS. 2 EXCUSED: FUKUNAGA, MANAHAN.
08/19/20	COUNCIL	CR-188 AND RESOLUTION 20-158 WERE ADOPTED. 8 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MENOR, PINE, WATERS. 1 NO: TSUNEYOSHI.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.

  
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GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK

  
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IKAIKA ANDERSON, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER